

FOR GOVERNOR,  
J. N. CANDLER, of Wood.ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
H. W. MATTHEWS,TREASURER,  
JOHN S. BURDETT, of Kanawha.AUDITOR,  
E. A. BENNETT, of Marion.SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,  
B. W. BYRNE,JUDGES COURT OF APPEALS,  
J. S. HOFFMAN, of Harrison,  
A. F. HAYMOND,C. P. T. MOORE, of Mason,  
JAMES PAULI,SHERIFFS AT LARGE,  
OKEY JOHNSON, of Wood,  
J. S. SPRIGG, of Hardy.

Delegates to the Baltimore Convention.

The Parkersburg Convention appointed the following named gentlemen delegates to the Baltimore Convention: HENRY BRANNON, W. H. CLARK, A. T. CAVERTON, W. P. WILLY, B. WILSON, B. F. MARTIN, H. G. DAVIS, P. SNYDER, A. CAMPBELL, G. W. IMBODEN.

## APOLOGETIC.

We had intended our paper to reach its readers in proper time; but owing to the failure of our workmen to perform their labors, we are compelled to ask the indulgence of our friends for this week.

We were absent at the State Convention, and present at our most head the ticket nominated.—Comments next week.

Hon. John Brannon.

The candidacy of the Hon. JOHN BRANNON, of this place, as Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, seems to be meeting with great favor, not only in all parts of the district, but outside of it. We publish elsewhere a brief mention of this gentleman, taken from the *Preston County Journal*, published in the northern end of the Circuit; and we give below an article from the *Clarksburg Conservative*, a paper of large influence and circulation in the counties of Harbours, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur. It is sufficient to say of this just, well written, and well merited compliment to Mr. Brannon, that it is expressive of the sentiments of the large portion of the people in this section, and that they, with the *Conservative*, are gratified at the prospect of having so good a Judge. Mr. Brannon has our good wishes for success in the contest in which his friends have engaged him. The article is as follows:

"This gentleman is a candidate for Judge of the Sixth Circuit, composed of the counties of Randolph, Tucker, Harbours, Lewis, Webster, Gilmer, Preston and Upshur, and we have no doubt will be elected.

Mr. Brannon is one of the most able and sound Constitutional lawyers in the two Virginias. He occupied this position when he was chairman of the Finance Committee in the Senate of Virginia—one of the most important committees in that body. He is thoroughly versed in the intricacies and practices of law—in the vigor and pride of full manhood—full of energy—very laborious and of spotless character. He never permits his mind to become biased, but patiently and carefully listens to both sides of a question and then decides in accordance with a ripe and impartial judgment. The people of the Sixth Circuit should congratulate themselves upon their prospect of having so good a Judge.

Lewis County.

The Clarksburg *Conservative* pays the following compliment to the gentlemen spoken of as candidates in this county:

We see the Hon. J. M. BENNETT is spoken of for the House of Delegates from Lewis County. We hope he will accept the position. He is one of the ablest statesmen in the State, and we shall want our best men in the Legislature next winter to frame proper laws for carrying out the new Constitution, which will undoubtedly be adopted by a large majority.

Colonel A. W. WOODFORD is spoken of for Sheriff of the county, and G. J. BERTON for Clerk of the County Court.

A. A. LEWIS is also spoken of for the House of Delegates. Mr. Lewis made an excellent member last winter, and will do so again if selected.

Mr. WOFFORD, of the DEMOCRAT, is recommended for Clerk of the Circuit Court. If Lewis county selects her officers from any such men as those named, it will have good ones.

From the Wheeling Register.  
West Virginia Congressmen.

The following letter will explain itself. The statement in the *Enquirer* escaped our notice or we should have taken the liberty of correcting it at once, so far as Mr. Davis is concerned, for we already knew his views in relation to the matter. It is better, however, to make the disclaimer in his own vigorous and emphatic words.

Washington, D. C., May 23.

Editor Register.

In the Cincinnati *Enquirer* of the

20th inst., under the head of "Special Dispatch to the *Enquirer*," wherein the position of members of Congress is attempted to be classified, the following statement appears, viz: "The two West Virginia members support Greeley." As far as my position as one of the Representatives from West Virginia is concerned, I desire to say, and hope you will announce it, that said statement is in every particular false, and without the shadow of foundation in truth. At no time, either before or since his nomination, could I support Horace Greeley. I should regard his acceptance by the Baltimore Convention as disastrous to the Democratic party, and sure to result in defeat; and if by any chance he should be elected, I should regard his election to the executive chair as a most serious calamity to the whole country. I have never had the least sympathy or respect for the so-called Liberal Convention, or its nominees, and am fully convinced that the only hope of defeating Grant is by nominating a straight Democratic ticket at Baltimore upon a platform of no equivocal character in its enunciation of the fundamental truths for which Democracy has always battled. I write hastily, having just perused the paper, and with the hope that you will correct this most outrageous falsehood in your columns.

Truly,  
J. P. S.—I am authorized by Major Hereford to say that as far as his statement is equally false, and I will add here that under no circumstances will I support Greeley or any other Republican for President. If the Democratic party, unworthy of the traditions of the past and unfaithful to its high mission, shall conclude to commit hari-kari at Baltimore, I shall be no party to the outrage.  
J. J. D.

JOHN BRANNON, Esq., of Weston, is a candidate for Judge of this Judicial Circuit, and we understand that there is a preference for him in the south end of the district. We are of the opinion that Mr. Brannon is one of the best men that has been announced for this position.—*Preston County Journal*.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*.  
Liberal Republican Convention in Charleston.

CHARLESTON, May 27.  
There was a good meeting of Liberal Republicans here to-day, who were very enthusiastic. An organization was effected, and a State Executive Committee appointed as follows: M. C. Church, of Parkersburg, Hon. H. J. Samuels, of Cabell, Hon. John Hall, of Mason, J. S. McLean, of Putnam, J. A. Hutchinson, of Wood, W. P. Hubbard, of Wheeling, H. H. Blackburn, of Martinsburg, Willis Robinson and J. W. Sentz, of Kanawha. The Cincinnati platform and nominations were adopted. No nominations for electors or State officers were made. The Convention adjourned to meet at Grafton on the 13th of June.

## CORRESPONDENCE

"Patronize Home Industry."

WESTON, May 29.

To the Editor of The Democrat:  
I would like to occupy a portion of your space in speaking of a little matter that has come under my notice. I have heard several of our merchants harping on the adage—"Patronize Home Industry;" and this is all right—only I would like to see men practice what they preach. I refer to the fact that there are merchants in our town who will employ teamsters who do not reside here—men who do not stop here even over night, and who leave town before they feed their horses. Thereby not only taking money from our town; but not spending a shilling with us. I'd like to know you know, why this is?

U. HUGH.

Items From Skin Creek.

SKIN CREEK, May 28.

To the Editor of The Democrat:  
I had hoped that some one would give you the items from Skin Creek; but it seems I will have to do it myself, or it won't be done.

Our young friends Messrs. Hall and Rohrbaugh seem to be still at it. Some time ago they received a fine assortment of spring and summer goods, and I think they will have to get some more soon, or they will be out. That right go ahead, boys.

It is currently reported here that our old Democratic friend, George I. Marsh, is asking at the hands of the voters of the second district of Lewis County the position of Assessor, and if so, I hope he will announce himself.

By request of a friend of the ladies, and in order that they may look out for a protector, I give below a list of the "Marriageable Men" of Georgetown. Below are the names and ages, so far as heard from:

R. Simons	45	C. M. Smith	24
S. W. Linger	27	M. T. Smith	27
A. G. Linger	20	V. Wilson	36
G. W. Summers	19	G. Summers	39
D. Linger	20	D. Stalnaker	63
W. Warren	22	E. Stalnaker	29
W. B. Stalnaker	29	C. Curtis	30
M. Stalnaker	23	W. Hinzman	28
V. Warner	24	C. McCray	21
J. Liggott	23	I. Butcher	26
T. Law	27	Wm. Ecker	20

The above is respectfully submitted for the benefit of all whom it may concern, by your friend

JAY

Capital Punishment.

WESTON, May 30.

To the Editor of The Democrat:

By this time the reader is impatient to inquire of the writer if he has forgotten that God gave a law to Moses; and if he is not aware that the principle of the declaration, "Who sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed," was incorporated into that law, and that this law must be still binding on us under the Christian dispensation,

for Christ himself said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am come not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled."

We are not aware of the existence of the Levitical code, and are ready to grant that the Death Penalty was clearly embodied in its demands. But my questioner would do well to notice that it required life for other crimes beside that of murder. Let him examine the following catalogue of offenses, all of which were recognized as capital, and punished with death by the law of Moses, and then answer if every "jot and tittle" of that law is still binding on Christians in the middle of the Nineteenth Century. It was carefully prepared by Mr. Spear, of Boston, who, in introducing it into his essays on the Death Penalty, says: "It is remarkable that no writer with whom we have met has performed this labor. We feel that it will do more to settle the question of its adoption by any civilized community than all other considerations."

CAPITAL OFFENSES IN THE MOSAIC CODE.  
Murder, Ex. 21-12  
Kidnapping, " 16  
Eating leavened bread during the Passover, Ex. 22-15  
Suffering an unruly ox to be at liberty, if he kill, the ox also to be stoned, Ex. 21-29  
Witchcraft, " 22-18  
Bestiality, the beast put to death, " 19  
Idolatry, " 20  
Oppression of the Widow and Fatherless, " 22  
Compounding holy ointment, or putting it on any stranger, " 33  
Violation of the Sabbath, Ex. 31-14  
Smiting of father or mother, " 21-15  
Sodomy, Lev. 22-13  
Eating the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings with uncleanness, " 7-20  
Eating the fat of offered beasts, " 26  
Eating any manner of blood, " 27  
Offering children to Moloch, " 22-2  
Eating a sacrifice of peace-offering, " 19-8  
Screening the idolater, " 20-4  
Going after familiar spirits and wizards, " 6  
Adultery, (both parties, if female married, and not a bond-maid), " 10  
Incest, three kinds, " 11  
Cursing of parents, " 9  
Uncleanness in a priest's daughter, " 21-9  
Blasphemy, " 14-16  
Stranger coming nigh the tabernacle, Num. 1-51  
Coming nigh the priest's office, " 3-10  
Usurping the sacerdotal functions, " 4-20  
Forbearing to keep the passover, if not journeying, " 9-13  
Presumption, or despising the word of the Lord, " 15-30  
False pretensions to the character of a divine messenger, Deut. 13-5  
Opposition to the decree of the highest judicial authority, " 17-12  
Uncleanness before marriage, when charged by a husband, " 22-13

Here is the Levitical catalogue of offenses punishable with death by the law of Moses. To those in our day whose hearts are chastened by the grace of Christ, and who, therefore, pity the sinful and would "save," and not "destroy men's lives," it looks dark and cruel. The thunderings of Sinai are heard in it—smoke and lightning, and mutterings of wrath are mingled with its fearful demands. And the modes of killing described were equally cruel. Stoning and the sword—afterward decapitation, sawing asunder, strangulation and crucifixion were the methods.

We have presented this code, thus in detail, that the objector, especially the Christian objector, who is everlastingly harping on the "requisitions of God's Law," and the necessity of our walking "by the light of that law," may know just what it is, what it demands, what amount of light there really is in it, and whether it is binding on us upon whom the "sun of righteousness has arisen with healing in his beams."

Now, if the Christian stickler for the galleys contends that Christ did not abrogate "one jot or tittle" of the foregoing code, but came to render it positively more binding, then it comes to us entire, and we, as the followers of Christ, are under the necessity of taking it to our hearts as it is, and of making it the law of the land in which we chance to reside, whether it be in a highly civilized society, or among barbarians. We contend that this is the only alternative. There is no other. Do you say that the criminal law of Moses was sanctioned by Christ, and is still binding on society? Then I say you must take the entire law. "He that smiteth father or mother shall surely be put to death." This is the declaration of Moses. Incorporate it into your own penal code, and you must do it if you are a follower of Moses. "He that curseth father or mother shall surely be put to death."

So says the Levitical law. "He that stealeth a man and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, shall surely be put to death." This is the demand of the Mosaic code. It also required the life of the offender for kindling a fire, or gathering sticks on the Sabbath. Is not this law, "one jot or tittle" yet abrogated? Then blot out the penal code of your own statute book and inscribe this in its place. "Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in anywise, and they cry at unto me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath shall be kindled against you, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless." Take care, fellow Christian, you are in danger, if this declaration reaches to our time. How many hard-hearted, cruel men—

yes, Christian men, if a strict observance of the rites and ceremonies of religion will make them so—were ardent supporters of the gallows for murder, on the ground that the law of God demands life for life, while they themselves, "afflict the widow and fatherless," trample upon their rights, and rob them of their lawful patrimony, and never dream that they have violated the same law, and are, therefore, worthy of the halter.

Here, then, is the unavoidable position of the man who upholds the Death Penalty, on the ground that the law of Moses sanctioned it. He must take the entire law. Go back to Moses, then, if you will, fellow Christian, and at the foot of the thundering Sinai, plant yourself on that code, and plead for the continuance of the gallows, on its authority, but remember that you must use it on other criminals beside the murderer. You must write down in your statute book: "Death for him who violates the Sabbath; and for him who profanes the name of God; and for him who afflicts the widow or fatherless; and for him who desecrateth the sanctuary of God; and for him who goeth after any God but the true God; and for him who commeth with a familiar spirit." Let all this be written down in the penal code of our States, as it must be, if not "one jot or tittle" of the law is abrogated, and it would probably bring our Christian people, who are so great sticklers for that law, to their senses.

My opponent may now say that such a demand is binding, and no more. But what right have you to say this? By what rule of propriety or reason, can you select from the code of Moses, whatever your whim may choose to dictate, and throw the rest away? Did you not quote from Christ, "Verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled?" On the same ground that you can dispense with a part of the law, we can dispense with the whole.

It will be seen by the foregoing catalogue, that the Mosaic code contained thirty-four capital offenses. My opponent strikes off thirty-three without hesitation, as not binding, and retains the remaining one as binding. As I have unavoidably went over my allotted space, I shall have to end this letter.

ANTI-CHURCH.

From Missouri.

We have been permitted by a friend to present to our readers the following extract of a letter from a most worthy gentleman who was raised on Skin Creek, and now living in Missouri, whose very numerous friends will be pleased to hear from:

DEAR SIR:—Having always been your warm personal friend, and contributed my humble influence in the days of other years to secure your promotion, I thought perhaps you would not take it amiss were I to drop you a line, and let you know that I am still in the land, and among the living.

I have made my home in the southwestern part of Sullivan county, on a beautiful rolling prairie, which is now clothed with verdure and covered by bleating flocks and lowing herds. This country presents a great variety of surface and scenery. We have broad alluvial bottoms, gently undulating prairies and timbered ridges. The soil is generally fertile. The timber and prairie land are about equal in extent, and the former is so nicely distributed as to afford almost every farmer a convenient supply of all the timber he wants. We enjoy a salubrious climate. Along the large streams and near the ponds and swamps, bilious diseases are quite common; but in high localities they but seldom occur. My brother and I have been here over three years, and not a member of either of our families have been attacked with that great western scourge, the ague. My father is in the 79th year of his age, and the sickening malaria, about which you have heard so much, has made no perceptible impression on his constitution. He served on the first grand jury that ever sat in Lewis county, and it is probable that he is the only surviving member of that body.

This county has subscribed four hundred thousand dollars to aid in constructing railroads. This amount does not include the Township subscriptions, which will, perhaps, amount in the aggregate to \$75,000. Three railroads have been located, one of which is being constructed as rapidly as circumstances will permit. We have every reason to believe that the three lines will be completed through this county in 18 months. We will soon enjoy all the facilities for transportation and travel that we could desire.

The Democracy of Missouri will support the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention, white hat and all, however nauseous the dose. The policy that liberated this State may, perhaps, deliver the whole South from carpet-bag rule. It is at least worthy of a fair trial. Since the election of Governor Brown, we have enjoyed a season of peace and prosperity, in striking contrast with the reign of terror instituted by Drake and his followers.

I have had nothing to do with politics since I came to this State. I think it is the duty of every patriot to ignore the past, and support that policy which is best calculated to allay the bitter feelings engendered during our late fratricidal strife, and restore peace and confidence to a distracted country; and I believe nothing short of General Amnesty can bring about such a result.

From present indications, it would seem that the Democrats intend to make a vigorous effort in this State to elect straight out Democrats to Congress. The tariff plays a much more important part in the campaigns here than in West Virginia. I believe a majority of the western people are in favor of free trade. The amendment to our Constitution, removing all political disabilities, renders the excess

of the Democratic party a fixed fact. At the next election about 70,000 voters will, for the first time since the war, exercise the sacred right of free-men. How they will vote, is a problem of easy solution.

I see that your State Convention has completed its labors. Your new Constitution doubtless has some objectionable features; but, as a whole, it is certainly infinitely superior to the old one. I wish Missouri would subject her Constitution to a thorough revision.

I have been nominated unanimously by the Teachers Institute as a candidate for County School Superintendent.

I want you to write me a letter and let me have your opinion on the "Passive Policy."

I hope I shall not be forgotten by my friends because I have left my native land.

Please receive renewed assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours very respectfully,  
H. M. P.  
From Barbours.

PHILIPPI, May 27.

To the Editor of The Democrat.  
DEAR SIR:—We see a notice from some correspondent in a late issue of THE DEMOCRAT, to the effect that it is proposed to elect Mr. J. W. WOFFORD, of that paper, to the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, under the anticipated new Constitution.

While we of Barbours do not propose to dictate to the citizens of Lewis county, in regard to their local elections, yet we wish to say that THE DEMOCRAT, under the management of Mr. Wofford, is accustomed to furnish its readers with more original, pithy and talented editorials than, perhaps, any other paper in this State. Any reader of moderate critical acumen whereby to discriminate between the ordinary platitudinisms that permeate the Press, and the nervous, pointed and significant leaders of Mr. Wofford, will admit this. We say, therefore, that for the citizens of Lewis county to fail, whenever a suitable opportunity is offered, to encourage Mr. Wofford, will be to show a lack of self appreciation in their conduct towards a citizen so highly esteemed and known elsewhere, as Mr. Wofford has made himself, through his able and unostentatiously conducted paper.

CONNOISSEUR.

From the Parkersburg Times of May 20th.  
Proceedings of the Democratic State Convention.

The Convention met at the Market House at 11 o'clock. It was the largest meeting of the kind ever held in the new State, and presented a very respectable and spirited appearance.

Hon. Lewis Baker opened the proceedings by nominating J. W. Gallagher as temporary Chairman, B. A. Galligan as temporary Secretary, and J. W. Wofford, W. Logan, and H. R. Howard, assistant Secretaries.

Mr. H. S. Walker offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Convention pledge themselves to abide by its action, and support its nominees.

Several unimportant motions and resolutions were offered and variously disposed of.

By Mr. Baker—

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Delegates be adopted for the government of the Convention, so far as applicable.

The first resolution was then reconsidered and laid on the table.

Several motions and resolutions in reference to the various Committees, were offered and disposed of, and the names of members of the Committees read by the Secretaries.

Reports of the Committees were adopted, after which the Convention took a recess until half past one, P. M.

The Convention is still in session while going to press. The several Committees reported, and their reports were adopted. An amendment to the report of a Committee, to nominate one candidate for the Supreme Bench from each Congressional District, and one at large, proposing to have the Supreme Judges nominated without any regard to Districts, was offered, which led to a short debate, and when voted upon was defeated by a decided majority.

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